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In re Patent Application of	)
ROMAN S. DABROWSKI et al.	) Group Art Unit: 2871
Application No.: 09/939,695	) Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: August 28, 2001	)
For: A LIQUID CRYSTAL DEVICE AND A LIQUID CRYSTAL MATERIAL	) ) ) )

### SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified Application, as indicated.

## **IN THE ABSTRACT**:

Please add the Abstract of the Disclosure that is provided on a separate sheet.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly replace dependent Claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) A liquid crystal device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said smectic tilt angle  $\theta$  is selected such that  $\theta=45^{\circ}$ .

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#### **REMARKS**

The present Amendment provides an Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet and modifies the form only of dependent Claim 8.

The signed Declaration and an Information Disclosure are being filed herewith.

The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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# Attachment to Second Preliminary Amendment dated December 21, 2001

## Marked-up Claim 8

8. (Amended) A liquid crystal device as claimed in claim 3, wherein said smectic tilt angle  $\theta$  is selected such that [wherein]  $\theta = 45^{\circ}$ .